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20 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

21 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

22 No. 5:25-cr-00198-KK-5

23 Plaintiff,

24 STIPULATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR
(1) CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL DATE AND
(2) FINDINGS OF EXCLUDABLE TIME
PERIODS PURSUANT TO SPEEDY TRIAL
ACT

v.

25 JORGE ENRIQUE ALBAN,

26 **CURRENT TRIAL DATE:** 10-20-25

Defendant.

27 **PROPOSED TRIAL DATE:** 02-23-26

28 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel
of record, the Acting United States Attorney for the Central District
of California and Assistant United States Attorneys Kevin J. Butler
and Jena A. MacCabe, and defendant JORGE ENRIQUE ALBAN

1 ("defendant"),¹ both individually and by and through his counsel of
 2 record, Robert Bernstein, hereby stipulate as follows:

3 1. The Indictment in this case was filed on June 11, 2025.
 4 Defendant first appeared before a judicial officer of the court in
 5 which the charges in this case were pending on August 29, 2025. The
 6 Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, originally required that the
 7 trial commence on or before November 7, 2025, for defendant. All
 8 other co-defendants either are already pending trial on February 23,
 9 2026, or are fugitives.

10 2. On August 29, 2025, the Court set a trial date of October
 11 20, 2025, and a pretrial conference and motion hearing on October 2,
 12 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

13 3. Defendant is released on bond pending trial. The parties
 14 estimate that the trial in this matter will last approximately six
 15 days. All defendants are joined for trial and a severance has not
 16 been granted.

17 4. By this stipulation, defendant moves to continue the trial
 18 date to February 23, 2026, and the pretrial conference and motion
 19 hearing to February 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. This is the first request
 20 for a continuance.

21 5. Defendant requests the continuance based upon the following
 22 facts, which the parties believe demonstrate good cause to support
 23 the appropriate findings under the Speedy Trial Act:

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 27 ¹ Co-defendants CARLOS VICTOR MESTANZA CERCADO, JAZAEL PADILLA
 RESTO, PABLO RAUL LUGO LARROIG, and JESON NELON PRESILLA FLORES
 28 already have their trial date set for February 23, 2026. The other
 co-defendants have not yet appeared in this case. Accordingly, this
 stipulation involves only this defendant.

1 a. Defendant is charged with violations of 18 U.S.C.
2 § 371: Conspiracy; 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a): Conspiracy to Interfere with
3 Commerce by Robbery and Interference with Commerce by Robbery; 18
4 U.S.C. § 659: Theft from Interstate or Foreign Shipment. The
5 government has produced discovery to the defense, including law
6 enforcement reports, investigative process and returns, videos,
7 photographs, license plate reader information, cell-site location
8 information, and criminal history information for a total of 4,491
9 bates numbers.

10 b. Defense counsel is presently scheduled to be in the
11 following trials: USA v. Alonso, Case 22-cr-312-MWF, drug conspiracy
12 and money laundering case, 1-week trial, trial date 10/21/25; USA v.
13 Lincon-Robles, Case 23-cr-524-DMG, drug conspiracy and money
14 laundering case, 1-week trial, trial date 10/21/25 (stipulation to
15 continue pending); and USA v. Amoako, Case 25-cr-651-JFW, RICO sex
16 trafficking, 8 defendants, 3-week trial, trial date 10/7/25
17 (stipulation to continue pending). Accordingly, counsel represents
18 that he will not have the time that he believes is necessary to
19 prepare to try this case on the current trial date.

20 c. In light of the foregoing, counsel for defendant also
21 represents that additional time is necessary to confer with
22 defendant, conduct and complete an independent investigation of the
23 case, conduct and complete additional legal research including for
24 potential pre-trial motions, review the discovery and potential
25 evidence in the case, and prepare for trial in the event that a
26 pretrial resolution does not occur. Defense counsel represents that
27 failure to grant the continuance would deny him reasonable time

1 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise
2 of due diligence.

3 d. Defendant believes that failure to grant the
4 continuance will deny him continuity of counsel and adequate
5 representation.

6 e. The government does not object to the continuance.

7 f. The requested continuance is not based on congestion
8 of the Court's calendar, lack of diligent preparation on the part of
9 the attorney for the government or the defense, or failure on the
10 part of the attorney for the Government to obtain available
11 witnesses.

12 6. For purposes of computing the date under the Speedy Trial
13 Act by which defendant's trial must commence, the parties agree that
14 the time period of October 20, 2025, to February 23, 2026, inclusive,
15 should be excluded pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A),
16 (h)(7)(B)(i), and (h)(7)(B)(iv) because the delay results from a
17 continuance granted by the Court at defendant's request, without
18 government objection, on the basis of the Court's finding that: (i)
19 the ends of justice served by the continuance outweigh the best
20 interest of the public and defendant in a speedy trial; (ii) failure
21 to grant the continuance would be likely to make a continuation of
22 the proceeding impossible, or result in a miscarriage of justice; and
23 (iii) failure to grant the continuance would unreasonably deny
24 defendant continuity of counsel and would deny defense counsel the
25 reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into
26 account the exercise of due diligence.

27 7. Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude a finding that
28 other provisions of the Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time

periods be excluded from the period within which trial must commence. Moreover, the same provisions and/or other provisions of the Speedy Trial Act may in the future authorize the exclusion of additional time periods from the period within which trial must commence.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: September 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

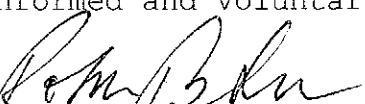
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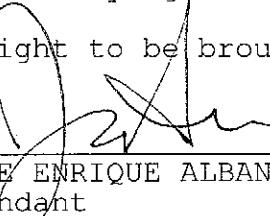
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1 I am JORGE ENRIQUE ALBAN's attorney. I have carefully discussed
2 every part of this stipulation and the continuance of the trial date
3 with my client. I have fully informed my client of his Speedy Trial
4 rights. To my knowledge, my client understands those rights and
5 agrees to waive them. I believe that my client's decision to give up
6 the right to be brought to trial earlier than February 23, 2026, is
7 an informed and voluntary one.

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9 ROBERT BERNSTEIN
10 Attorney for Defendant
JORGE ENRIQUE ALBAN

9/15/25
Date

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12 I have read this stipulation and have carefully discussed it
13 with my attorney. I understand my Speedy Trial rights. I
14 voluntarily agree to the continuance of the trial date, and give up
15 my right to be brought to trial earlier than February 23, 2026.

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17 JORGE ENRIQUE ALBAN
18 Defendant

9/15/25
Date

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